

Samuel
Listening to the Father's Voice
I SAMUEL, CHAPTER 3

**Happy
Father's Day!**

Some are biological fathers, others are father figures—no matter what your situation, though, God desires to use you as a father figure. You may not feel you are able, but it is God's call on your life. All it takes is an open heart, a love for God, an ear to hear your Heavenly Father's voice, and being aware of whom He has placed in your life

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him...

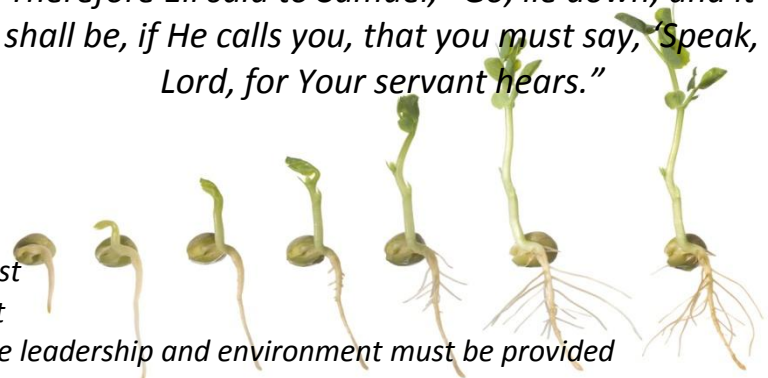
- Samuel knew the Lord by instruction, not by experience. Every child must experience God firsthand in a personal way. Until their faith becomes personal, it will remain just their "family's faith".

We are shepherded by our Heavenly Father, and earthly fathers. God uses earthly fathers as His under shepherds.

Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, "Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears."

Parents –

- Cultivate their children's faith in Christ
- Cultivate their children's call in Christ
 - This cannot be forced--but the leadership and environment must be provided



IT IS EASIER TO LEAD THE CHURCH THAN LEAD YOUR FAMILY!

[A bishop] must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

1 Timothy 3:4-5 – NIV

✓ Priorities - #1 – Your walk in Christ – #2 – Your family – #3 – Then, the House of God



So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord...